

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

**Program(s)**

University College Utrecht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology

**UCEAP Course Number**

101

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PSY ETHNIC RELATNS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course provides an in-depth study of the social psychological aspects of inter group relations, particularly between majority and minority ethnic groups, although some time is reserved for studying the relationships between religious groups. The literature focuses on theories and research that deal with factors determining mutual perceptions of ethnic groups and the consequences of these perceptions. Whereas ethnic groups define themselves as different from others in terms of real and imagined cultural and historical factors, real as well as imagined factors play a role in the nature and dynamics of ethnic relations. Although the course focuses on general psychological processes, concrete examples of inter group conflicts are used to facilitate the understanding of the theory. Literature about self-categorization processes, group belonging and identification, ethnic threat, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination are all covered. Students consider the main theoretical explanations of negative reactions between ethnic groups and evaluate the empirical evidence supporting them. Next to searching for causes of prejudice in the characteristics and perceptions of individuals, the course also examines the role of the wider social context. For instance, does prejudice increase with an actual increase in the inflow of immigrants, and is it true that ethnic diversity in neighborhood generally erodes social trust while inter-ethnic contact may improve the relations. Students must have completed a Social Psychology course and a Statistics course as prerequisites for this course.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

UCSSCPSY31

## **Host Institution Course Title**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

## **Host Institution Campus**

Social Sciences

## **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**  
Psychology

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